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EPA Questions Wetland Use for Green Line Service and Inspection Yard

by Karen Kay Schafer

An ongoing debate between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues as plans for construction of the Greenbelt metrorail and its Transit Car Service and Inspection Yard move forward. Completion of the Green Line is scheduled for late 1993.

The discussion revolves around the proposed location chosen by WMATA for the service and inspection yard. According to EPA environmental scientist Peter Stokely, included within the 70-acre site is one of the largest wetlands of its type still existing in Maryland today. EPA is concerned that construction of the service yard will disturb 20 acres of this unique ecosystem, 10 acres of which will be completely filled.

The site is located north of the Capital Beltway between Edmonston Road and the CSXT Railroad (formerly the B & O Railroad). It is currently part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property. BARC's 1984 Master Update Plan endorses this land since "it is felt that the public benefit gained from a transit facility serving the region would offset

the loss of some research space."

Sites such as this one are viewed by environmentalists as becoming more vulnerable to the stresses of growth as less land is available for development. Concern about the destruction of wetlands has become an emotionally charged issue. The term wetlands generally conjures up images of soggy dirt and mud rather than of a valuable resource to protect. However in reality, a wetland is much more.

Importance of Wetlands

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service defines wetlands as lands where water is the "dominant factor determining the nature of soil development and the types of plant and animal communities living in the soil and on its surface. Furthermore, lands that are continually, seasonally or periodically submerged and which support emergent or floating aquatic plants are also categorized as wetlands." Before determining specific wetlands scientists must visit the site, take samples of the soil and vegetation, and then analyze them for specific materials.

Scientists have gradually begun to realize the intrinsic value of wetlands. It is important fish and wildlife habitat and directly supplies food to a large array of animals including microorgan-

isms, invertebrates, fish, birds and mammals. Additionally, wetlands purify water and provide flood control by storing and detaining storm water.

The palustrine wetland that is part of the BARC property is defined as a temporarily and seasonally flooded wetland. Plant life is typically dominated with red maples, sweet gum and an understory of sweetbay magnolia and winterberry with a herbaceous layer of grasses.

EPA sees this site as particularly valuable because of its size and maturity. The Agency recommends that WMATA investigate alternate sites before it goes any farther in the permit process. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers in an advisory capacity, EPA's role is to recommend approval or denial when the Corps reviews applications for permits allowing excavation or filling of wetlands.

Assessment of Other Sites

According to Stokely, until WMATA more thoroughly assesses alternate sites the EPA cannot recommend approval of the project. He noted that neither of the two alternate sites mentioned in the Environmental Assessment Report commissioned by WMATA were investigated with the same detail as the BARC site.

The first alternate site is south SEE GREEN LINE, page 5

Residents at Schrom Hills Park Hearing Learn Pond May Be Nixed

by Betsy Likowski

The bombshell of the evening at the Schrom Hills Park mini-charette was the news that there may be no pond in the new park. The September 27 meeting was the second in a series in which citizens will help decide what recreation facilities will be placed in the new park.

Schrom Hills Park is a 41-acre site located north and east of Hanover Parkway and south of the Greenbrook development. Four hundred fifteen thousand dollars will be available to develop the park, most of it from the \$6 million bond issue and from grants. The city is still trying to acquire several more acres for the park.

City consultant Grace Fielder of Greenman & Pederson said she was unable to determine whether the United States Army Corps of Engineers would allow the pond to be built in northern Schrom Hills park. While the five-acre pond would be used for recreational purposes, its main function would be to manage stormwater from the nearby Greenbrook development. The consultants explained that the Corps of Engineers has recently

changed policy emphasis to favor the retention of wetlands. Presently northern Schrom Hills Park is mainly flood plain, with a wetland area where the pond is planned.

The current wetland is not the stereotypical reeds and scummy water swamp. Rather the water-loving plants growing there look to the untrained eye like normal plants and include wildflowers such as viburnum bushes (which have large bunches of white flowers) and jewelweed (a relative of impatiens).

The consultants explained that although the county wants a pond built and one was planned several years ago, the Corps of Engineers prefers wetlands because they filter out pollutants that would flow into the rivers the Corps is supposed to maintain.

If the pond is not built, then the area will remain as it is presently with a weir and culvert system built on the west end of the wetland to manage storm water.

Citizens present all favored a pond, with councilmember Ed Putens summing it up by saying that without a pond it would change "the intent and use of the park."

Planning the Park

More than thirty people—city council members, staff and ad-

sory board members and citizens from all sections of Greenbelt—planned what they would like to see in the new Schrom Hills Park. The group broke up into six small groups and went over two concept plans of the park prepared by Fielder, which were based on what people at the first meeting said they wanted in the park.

The idea of two ballfields—one for soccer and one for softball—was preferred by most. Because of the lay of the land these fields would be in the southern end of the park. Some people wanted the fields lit. But James Foy of Hunting Ridge pointed out that there would be a lot of resistance to lighting. He said Hunting Ridge residents are already bothered by the lights used on the nearby Lanham Boys Club property.

City Manager James K. Giese noted that several people affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club were present. He said that the city staff has wanted lit ballfields at the Northway fields and that they would like to see a six to eight-field complex there in the future.

Early in the meeting, Fielder explained the physical lay of the land and that make-up of the land limited usage of the park.

See SCHROM HILLS, page 8

Council Backs State Gun Ban: Promises Pool, Open Space

by Mary Lou Williamson

At its September 19 meeting the Greenbelt City Council joined other municipalities across the State in urging its citizens to support the State's ban on the Saturday Night Special with a Yes vote in next month's referendum. They also assured nervous parkland advocates that the indoor pool will not drain off funds promised for open space purchases.

The Maryland legislature passed and in May the Governor signed into law a ban on the sale and manufacture within the state of cheap handguns, H.B. 1131. This summer enough citizen signatures were obtained to bring the issue to referendum on November 8. The National Rifle Association and the Maryland Committee against the Gun Ban have been lobbying citizens to vote against what they call the "gun ban." A statement from Delegate Joan Pitkin, read by Councilmember Thomas X. White, urged council support for the law, which had also been supported by the three delegates and senator representing Greenbelt. "A recent survey conducted by the University of Maryland," she wrote, "has shown that 73 percent of the residents of Maryland favor this bill." Councilmember Joseph Isaacs, who put the item on the agenda, reminded council that Greenbelters had voted two-to-one in favor of gun control in a 1969 city referendum. Council was unanimous in support of the bill. Chief James Craze of the Greenbelt Police Department has been actively involved in support of the ban on cheap handguns. The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 decided at its last meeting to take no position on the referendum question.

Miscellaneous

Council approved a letter to the Prince Georges Planning Board requesting greater funding for recreational programming within the city. The funding request is:

Center leaders	\$22,880
Teen programming	11,440
Summer playgrounds	9,000
Special populations	11,440
Arts	22,880
Total	\$77,640
Vacancies currently exist on	

the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Crime Prevention Committee. Council directed staff to seek additional applications of residents interested in serving on these committees through advertising in this newspaper.

The city will purchase diesel fuel through a cooperative agreement with the Council of Governments. The supplier is Metallgesellschaft Corp. of Baltimore, based on their contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

At a special meeting on Sept. 23, council agreed to the negotiated liability, public officials liability, automobile, package policy and umbrella coverage from McFarlin Insurance Agency and A. R. Keir, Inc. for a total cost of \$262,113.

GREENBELT LANDSCAPING WINS BEAUTY AWARDS

The City of Greenbelt won four separate awards recently in the Prince Georges County Beautification Committee's annual beautification contest. The awards were for the Hanover Parkway median, the Southway entrance to Greenbelt, the Youth Center and the Buddy Attick Park entrance, which was noted as being especially delightful because of the sequential blooming of its plantings.

WHAT GOES ON

Tues., Oct. 25, 8 p.m. City Council Special Meeting on Cable TV Franchise Transfer Resolution, Municipal Building
Thurs., Oct. 27, 8 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place



OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING Concerning

TRANSFER OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1988, 8 P.M.

in the

Council Room, Municipal Building,

25 Crescent Road

Agenda

1. A Resolution to Consent to the Sale of Ownership Interest in the Cable Television Franchisee, Liquidation of the Franchisee, and Transfer of the Greenbelt Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Prime Cable of Maryland, Limited Partnership. A Delaware Limited Partnership to Maryland Cable Corp., a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Maryland Cable Holdings Corp., A Corporation Controlled by ML Media Opportunity Partners, L.P., A Delaware Limited Partnership.

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Guest Editorial

What the Gun Law Really Says

I have been asked by the News Review to provide comment on what has become a controversial issue. That issue is House Bill #1131—"Handguns - Prohibition of Manufacture and Sale," which was signed into law by Governor Schaefer on May 23, 1988. The pro-gun lobby in the state has mounted a large-scale attack on the law in an attempt to have it overturned by referendum in November. Much has been said and written by supporters of both sides of the issue. Charges and Countercharges have been made by both sides. The result is confusion and clouding of the issue. The following is a factual overview of what the law provides.

The law requires the Governor, with advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a nine-member board to create a roster of permitted handguns. The board shall include a member of the National Rifle Association, a handgun manufacturer, a member of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, a member of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association, a member of Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse and three citizens chosen by the Governor. The board is chaired by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police.

The law states that after January 1, 1990, no person may manufacture any handgun not on the Handgun Roster or sell or offer to sell any handgun not on the Handgun Roster which was manufactured after January 1, 1985. The board may only place on the Roster handguns which are either useful for legitimate sporting, self-defense or law enforcement purposes or detectable by standard security devices used at courthouses or airports.

In determining whether a handgun has a legitimate use, the board will consider the following characteristics of the handgun: concealability, ballistic accuracy, weight, quality of materials, quality of manufacture, reliability as to safety and caliber.

Manufacturers, dealers and individuals may petition the board to include handguns on the Roster.

The penalties for noncompliance: for manufacture of a handgun not on the Roster — up to \$10,000 fine per gun; for sale of a handgun not on the Roster — up to \$2,500 per gun. Any dealer who sells a handgun not on the Roster is subject to revocation of the dealer's gun license.

That is the law. The following comments are mine. An analysis by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) of the Treasury Department indicates that an estimated one hundred Marylanders are killed each year with the types of weapons this law bans. Nationally, between 20% and 30% of all guns used in crime are these guns. These weapons have no legitimate use for hunting, self-defense or law enforcement because they are unsafe and a danger to anyone who may discharge them. Lastly, it is not the intent of the law to ban all handguns, only those that are unreliable and inaccurate and susceptible to major malfunctions which could result in serious injury or even death.

On September 26, 1988, I was a signatory of a resolution signed by over 100 law enforcement officials, Fraternal Order of Police and Maryland Troopers Association representatives who support this law. It makes sense that if one life is saved, the law is worthwhile.

I urge citizens to vote "FOR" the handgun law.

James R. Craze
Chief of Police
City of Greenbelt

REMINDER

The News Review reminds readers of its policy with respect to the printing of campaign and election material. In its last edition preceding an election the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject, for the first time, highly controversial issues and charges. Last-minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be typed, double-spaced and submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, so as to give the News Review editorial board sufficient time to review content.

Safe Halloween Tips On TV Channel B-10

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for kids. But sometimes the fun turns to cruel tricks — like when people tamper with kids' treats. McGruff will show you the do's and don'ts for a safe Halloween, Monday through Wednesday, October 24 through 26 at 3 and 7 p.m. on cable TV channel B-10. Don't forget — trick-or-treat is Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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.937-4292

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Sat., Nov. 5
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Public Invited to Special Ed. Task Force Meeting

The Special Education Task Force on Related Services will meet on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

The task force was established by the Prince Georges County Board of Education as an advisory task force to evaluate the delivery of related services to the handicapped students of Prince Georges County. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

For additional information, contact Judy Sheehan at 952-6018.

Mowatt Memorial

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40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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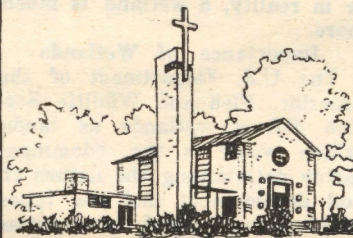
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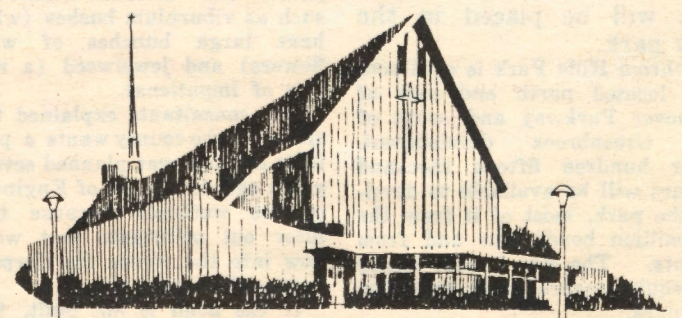
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For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the Church office.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

345-5111

Letters to the Editor

Outcry for Center School

Since our letter last week concerning Center School's renovation versus desecration, we have had an interested and passionate response from friends and acquaintances. Overall, the cry is: Keep Greenbelt Center School where it is!! A lot of parents want to know what they can do to help.

One main item will be to send in (the survey). There has been concern from parents of preschoolers who will probably not receive the survey in the mail. That survey will be printed in the *News Review* and can be filled out, cut out and mailed. It will be 25 cents well spent! Our School Board member, Suzanne Plogman, will be Greenbelt's voice when the board's deciding is done. We must make a great clamor or else the board will think we don't care. If we don't, they will make a decision without us.

The School Board can't (or won't) tell you taxpayers what would become of Center School if it were left empty. How would you like another North End smack in the middle of Greenbelt? Isn't it ridiculous to have two empty buildings? Is it necessary? How about an art deco book depository? Very unstimulating.

Proposing to build a school complex on 30 acres of Parcels 1 & 2 is beyond belief. That land, we thought, is being purchased to keep Greenbelt green, not to demolish trees and erect more buildings. So you folks who battled for more green space have a stake in this as well.

Hopefully, there will be a public forum/outcry on this problem. Historically and emotionally, Center School belongs where it is now—even the renovation architect, R. C. Garcia can see that. Why can't city council?

Lynn and Tom Lubej

About Those Letters

Last Week . . .

This is my reaction to two letters printed in the *News Review* of Oct. 13. One, by Leonie Penney and Betty Maffay, urged a referendum on the allocation of additional funds to construct the indoor swimming pool; the second, by Bob Rashkin, objected to a proposed schedule for pool utilization.

In response to the first letter, I agree that the expenditure of large sums of money by city council is a matter of concern and should be carefully studied by council and citizens. However, I believe that the writers err in equating democracy as being served only by a referendum.

Greenbelt has a representative form of government, much like that of other local, county, state and national governments. Departure from the old New England form of government, where all actions were taken after a vote of the citizens in a town meeting, is of long standing because it became clear that as population centers grew in size, it was no longer feasible to have a referendum vote on each matter.

Selection of one of the five options listed in the letter is within the legal purview of council. It is appropriate for those in favor of the referendum to exert political pressure on council members. The city charter does not contain a provision to petition to referendum actions taken by council. The political leverage that exists is at the next city council election.

With regard to the second letter, I believe the writer was premature in criticizing a tentative pool usage schedule when the pool is not yet under construc-

tion.

I was a frequent user of the outdoor pool, and to my knowledge there was no rule which limited lap swimming to one person per lap. Every hour on the hour, for 15 minutes, lap swimming for those over 18 years of age was reserved in the deep end. At the end of the summer, lane demarcations were installed to separate fast swimmers from slow swimmers, but at no time was a lane restricted to one person per lap.

Lawrence L. Goldberg

'No' to School on Parkland

There is a new threat to our green belt.

There has been discussion of building a new elementary school to replace Greenbelt Center School. One site under consideration is the "school board property," 72 acres located between parcels 1 and 2.

This possibility is especially disturbing because the county has recently agreed to turn this land over to Greenbelt as part of the historic green belt. It would be a tragedy after all our efforts to lose this newly won green space.

The Board of Education will make a decision in the near future on whether to renovate Greenbelt Center School or construct a new school. Citizens will be asked to state their preference on a questionnaire, but we don't yet have all the facts. Therefore, it is imperative that a public hearing be held before the questionnaire is sent out so that citizens can have an opportunity for full discussion of this issue before they commit their thoughts to paper.

I am strongly opposed to the destruction of any of our green belt for a new school, especially since Greenbelt Center School is of considerable historical importance in its own right and should be preserved in its rightful place in the center of Greenbelt.

I urge citizens who share this concern to write to school board member Suzanne Plogman, with copies to Center School Principal Dr. John Van Schoonhoven and the city council.

Ruth Kastner

Leadership Needed On Center School

To the Editor:

Regarding the growing controversy over the renovation of Center School vs. building a new school: I believe that Center School should remain a school. The plan the architects have presented is an imaginative plan that will keep our historic building as a living, useful center for the community, not a hollow symbol. A new school might result in a superior structure educationally, according to the "experts"—but education means more than the 3 Rs. A new building cannot give our children an education in tradition, in roots, in community, that a renovated Center School can.

Greenbelters are tired of divisive issues that pit one part of the community against another. They are asking for leadership that will unify them behind common goals and behind means to those goals. The renovation of Center School (could become) another bitter issue. I would like instead to see leadership that will unite Greenbelt behind renovating our school and keeping it a vital center for our children and for the community for the next 50 years.

Barbara Simon

Pool Progress Welcomed

On behalf of those who have been working for a better Greenbelt, including the indoor swimming pool, I'd like to express appreciation to city council for tak-

ing the next step by authorizing the design phase of the pool.

It is unfortunate that we have a few vocal detractors who persist in trying to confuse the issues with incomplete or inaccurate facts, statements out of context, and various accusations. Council has done what it was mandated to do at the polls, and what its confirmed that it would do before the citizens at council meetings. This current decision is merely following through on that mandate.

The city is growing and diversifying. Its tax base is expanding as is its need for the number and variety of services. Providing them is going to keep our community dynamic, attracting the kinds of folks who want to enjoy those advantages and who will lend their efforts to maintain that community energy.

The value of the bond issue has been eroded by inflation during the three years since its passage. I'm glad council has the flexibility to be able to progress

with projects under these conditions; otherwise, a lot of city business could be continually tied up. Actually, the foot-draggers themselves can be partially blamed for the situation. I believe the pool would probably have been in the ground by now without their obfuscation. The council and citizens could have been using the "wasted" time and energy on other challenges, such as resolving the Beltway Plaza parking conditions, working on the Cultural Arts Center, adding additional parkland, developing other recreational facilities, restoring Center School; in other words, continued efforts to keep Greenbelt Great!

Douglas W. S. Sutherland

Halloween Tours Given Of Parcel 1 Oct. 21, 22

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will give Halloween tours on October 21 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. Meet on Northway Extended where it meets the ball

GHI NOTES

The city has received a request that stop signs be placed on Ridge Road where it intersects with Plateau Place. The Board of Directors has been asked to comment on the request. This item will be on the agenda of the GHI Board meeting on October 27. Members are invited to attend the Board meeting and comment on whether stop signs are needed in this area.

The Finance Committee will meet on October 24 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

fields.

The fun starts with a short walk down the trails. There will be lots of pumpkins along the way and a 20 foot ghost that flies. There will be candy and hot cocoa with marshmallows. So, Halloween lovers of all ages come join the fun. For more information call Paul Downs at 474-4653.

Greenbelt Halloween Activities

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

Come and be spooked at the scariest Haunted House ever!

WHEN: October 26 & 27
WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
TIME: 7 - 9 p.m.
COST: \$2.50 admission

All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Hospital. Movies and treats will be provided for all participants.

KID'S DANCE

COME JOIN THE FUN OF HALLOWEEN WEEK AT THE SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

WHEN: Friday, October 28
WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
TIME: 8 - 10 p.m.
COST: \$1.50 per person
AGE: 12 & Under
Music by D.J. Donald Morgan

TEEN DANCE

Featuring the return of Springhill Lake's own
"PURE TALENT BAND"

WHEN: Saturday, October 29
WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
TIME: 7 - 11 p.m.
COST: \$3.00 per person

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST & SCARECROW CONTEST

WHEN: Friday, October 28
WHERE: Greenbelt Youth Center
WHO: Pre-schoolers, Elementary Ages, and Parents
TIME: 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Costume contest will take place at 3:40 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries.

Everyone will have the opportunity to build their own scarecrow. All you need to bring is one pair of pantyhose and some old clothes if you decide to design your own scarecrow. Some clothes will be available if you can't supply them. A scarecrow specialist will be on hand to help us!

Treats will be provided for all participants.

For more information on any of these events, please call the Recreation Business Office, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.

PG Philharmonic Orchestra Performs on October 29

The Prince Georges Philharmonic Orchestra will open the 1988-89 season with a concert on Saturday, October 29, at 8 p.m. in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Theatre at Prince Georges Community College.

Pianist Enrique Graf, winner of the 1978 University of Maryland International Piano Competition, will be the featured soloist in Gershwin's Concerto in F. Music director Ray Fowler will conduct the orchestra in this concert featuring music of American composers. Also on the program, American Salute by Morton

Gould, Aaron Copeland's The Quiet City and three dance episodes from "On the Town" by Leonard Bernstein.

Tickets will be available at the door or, in advance, by calling the Philharmonic office at 864-7358. There is a fee.

At the Library

Saturday, October 22 Book Sale 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, October 24, Book Sale, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27 Drop-In Storytime 10:30-11 am ages 3-5.

UM Has U.S. Premiere Of Japanese Play

University Theatre at The University of Maryland will present the American premiere of "An Older Sister, Burning Like A Flame . . ." by Japanese playwright Shimizu Kunio. Performances are October 18-22 and October 25-29 at 8 p.m. and October 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. in the Rudolph E. Pugliese Theatre.

This play presents a surrealistic vision of life, mixing melodrama and high poetry as an ac-

tor searches for his future and discovers his past. There will be a post-performance discussion with the director, actors and audience following the October 26 performance.

For further information call the Tawes Theatre Box Office at 454-2201 (voice & TDD)

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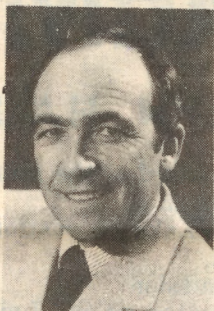
The city leaf collection program, publicized in the fall edition of CITY NEWS, the city's newsletter, was scheduled to begin October 24. Because there has not been a significant leaf drop yet, the program has been delayed. THE PROGRAM WILL START OCTOBER 31, in the Boxwood, Lakewood, Woodland Hills and Lakeside neighborhoods. Please continue to follow cable channel B-10 and the Greenbelt News Review for leaf collection program updates.

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of the Beltway and north of Greenbelt Road on A.H. Smith industrial-zoned land, some of which is in floodplains. It was ruled out because of its close proximity to Greenbelt Road. WMATA fears it would only add to the traffic congestion. The other alternate site is located north of Sunnyside Avenue and just east of the CSXT Railroad. This site was dismissed because it is not isolated from industrial and residential communities in the area, and it is not compatible with BARC's Master Plan.

Stokely noted that WMATA did not study placing both the yard and the station north of Greenbelt Road and south of the Beltway with the yard on the "highly disturbed" A. H. Smith tract currently occupied by an auto salvage operation, a sand and gravel operation and a vacant lot.

The area he refers to is located west of Cherrywood Lane and north of Greenbelt Road. The EPA believes that this location needs to be evaluated more closely, particularly since it is already disturbed.

Working with the EPA, the Corps continues to analyze the data and has recently requested more information from WMATA before making its decision.

The need for a service and inspection yard somewhere along the Green Line is not in dispute. The yard is designed to be used as both a terminus for the Green Line and a utility yard for approximately 280 metro cars with loop tracks for moving and reversing transit cars. Also included in the design will be a service and inspection shop, interior and exterior transit car cleaning and washing facilities, a car painting and fiberglass repair facility, a traction power substation, a tie-breaker station, a parking lot and outbuildings.

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LAFF Group Organizes

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accepted, transit cars will pass beneath the Capital Beltway and enter the yard on lead tracks running adjacent to the existing CSXT Railroad. Additionally, a road leading from Edmonston Road over Indian Creek via a proposed 800-foot multi-span bridge is also planned.

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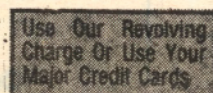
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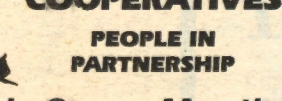
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The northern end of the park near Greenbrook is mostly flood plain and will be a pond or remain a wetland. The eastern and western edges of the park have steep slopes. The middle part of the park has poor soils that are sticky when wet and thus limit usage. Since this area is covered by mature woodland, Fielder suggested, and people seemed to agree, that it should remain as is. Therefore, the southern part of the park is really limited to the two ballfields.

Another given is that there will be a maintenance road around the storm water management area in the northern part of the park.

Plans call for the park entrance to be located across from Space Court, since there is already an intersection there. Also suggested are that the parking lot, restrooms and storage area be nearby. Concerns were expressed about having enough parking spaces, even though the plan calls for 80-90 spaces. Fielder cautioned that creating parking spaces could be expensive. Also concerns were expressed that the proposed park entrance might not be safe, since visibility is limited by the curve of Hanover Parkway.

A maintenance/bike trail could run through the park. People suggested it should be wide enough to allow access by emergency vehicles.

Other suggestions that people liked: a nature trail through the wooded central section, informal play area to the west, picnic areas, a multi-use area next to the soccer field, a formal line of trees or alley between the ballfields, playground, a sledding hill on the steep eastern slope, and

wildflower plantings on the steep western slopes along Hanover Parkway.

Opinion differed on the placement of the playground areas: a central one, scattered throughout the park, or several near picnic areas. People also suggested:

indoor pool, concession stand near the ballfields, and a chip trail next to the paved trail.

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Berlin Joins City Staff

by Marcie Birk

New Greenbelt assistant administrator Eric Berlin said he became involved in city government because he saw it as a way to make a real contribution to a community. In an interview recently, Berlin said individuals can make a difference at the local government level.

Berlin, 28, said he developed an appreciation for local government while working toward his Master of Arts degree in public administration at the University of Virginia.

After graduating in 1987, Berlin decided to pursue a career in city government. He was selected for a year-long internship at the city manager's office in West Palm Beach, Florida. Berlin said the position gave him a good grounding in city government, but he had no desire to stay in Florida after his internship.

Originally from Hampton, Virginia, Berlin decided to come back to the area and settle around Washington, D.C. Despite the abundance of federal jobs in the area, Berlin held out for a city government position.

Berlin said, "In state or federal government jobs, it's easy to become a faceless bureaucrat. In local government, what you do has a visible impact on people. I get much more satisfaction from that."

Golden Age Club

by Janet James

Gillies and ghosties and long-legged beasties and things that go bump in the night will all be gathering with a coven of witches at the Youth Center at 11 a.m. on October 26 for the annual Halloween Party of the Golden Age Club. Members, be sure to dress in costumes representing one of the above-named creatures or one of their fellows. The Grand Panjandrum himself will judge the costumes. Refreshments will be served.

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The generalist nature of local government also appeals to Berlin. He said, "Working in city government, you get involved in all sorts of activities. It keeps things interesting."

Berlin, who took his post September 12, said that right now he is learning how staff operates, picking up specific responsibilities and reading a lot. "Greenbelt's history is fascinating," Berlin said. "I can appreciate the pride of the people who live here."

The Lion's Roar

by Emory Harmon

The Lions Club will honor Olympic Gold Medalist Vicky Bullett at its meeting on Monday, October 24 at the Fireside Beef house at 7:30 p.m. Bullett will be joined by University of Maryland Women's basketball coach Chris Weller and by teammate Christy Winters.

The public is invited. For more information, call 474-5156.

Police Blotter

Partial Listing Based on Information released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Two women were victims of an indecent exposure on Oct. 12 about 2 p.m. in the Beltway Plaza parking lot near Frank's Nursery. The suspect, a 26-year old man, 6 ft. 2 in., 170 lbs., brown hair, wearing blue jeans and a light weight white jacket and white-framed sun glasses exposed himself when getting out of a four-door gold colored Buick.

Five people were arrested Friday, Oct. 7 at 11 p.m. after police were summoned for the second time by a neighbor complaining of a loud party in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Tr. Cpl. Timothy Hahn and Off. Robert Musterman arrested four 21-year-old Greenbelt residents and one non-resident juvenile. The crowd in the residence had attempted to hinder the officers as they made the first arrest. The charges included disorderly conduct, assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, malicious destruction and hindering a police officer. All were released pending trial.

Following an investigation Pfc. Matthew Carr arrested two non-resident juveniles charging both with assault. Victims had reported the assault with a hand gun at the corner of Ridge Rd. and Gardenway on Oct. 3. The juveniles were released to their parents.

A nonresident reported an assault following a traffic altercation in the Beltway Plaza parking lot on Oct. 11 around 7:30 p.m. The victim was taken to Doctor's Hospital with cuts and bruises to the face. The suspects are a black man and woman driving a small, dark-colored car.

A breaking and entering was reported Oct. 11 into an apartment in the 9200 bl. of Edmonston Rd. Entry may have been through an open window. A purse was taken.

A 1980 Dodge that had been taken from Beltway Plaza was recovered this week by Prince Georges police in Bowie. The tags had been recovered earlier. No arrests were made. A 1987 two-door black Hyundai, which was reported stolen at Beltway Plaza on Oct. 7, was found the next day by Anne Arundel police. The vehicle had been burned. There were no arrests.

A 1985 Mazda RX-7, reported stolen in September, was recovered by Baltimore County police. No arrests were made.

Vandalisms to and thefts from auto were reported in the following areas: 100 bl. Westway, 5900, 6000, 7500 bl. of Greenbelt Rd., 8100 bl. Bird Ln., 6400 bl. Ivy Ln., and 770 bl. Hanover Pky.

On October 10 at 4:30 p.m. a 38-year-old nonresident man was arrested by Off. Musterman after

he was seen by Safeway employees concealing 20 cans of food in a gym bag. The suspect was held on \$5,000 bond. The following day two nonresidents were arrested by Pfc. Michael Jeffreys after they both were observed concealing merchandise at Safeway. Both were held on \$1,000 bond pending trial.

Recreation Review

Halloween Activities

Greenbelt's Annual Costume Party and Parade is scheduled at the Youth Center on Friday, October 28 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in various categories. Entertainment and treats are in store for all participants.

Greenbelt's Official Trick or Treat Night is Monday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.

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Dr. Frank Pisciotta, Gastroenterologist

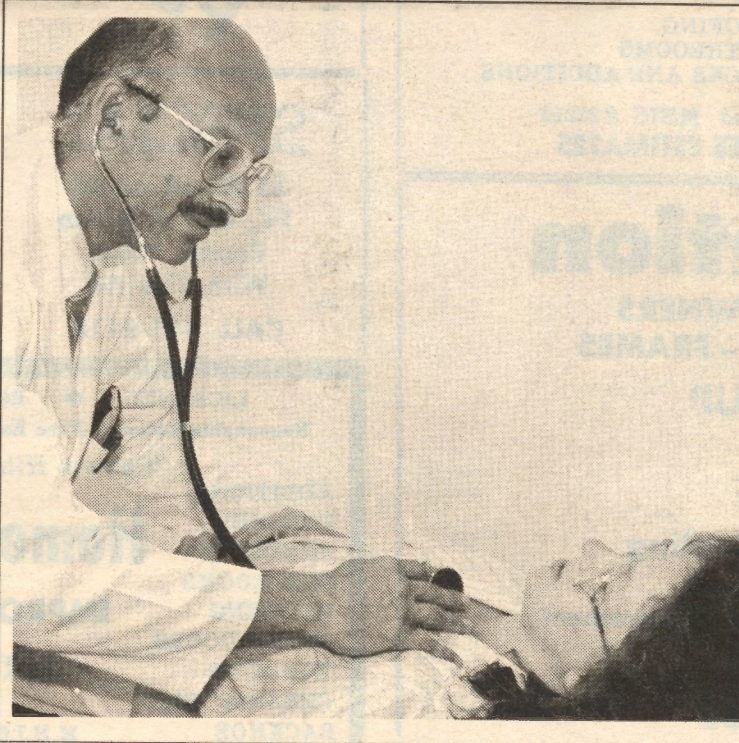
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The human body is often likened to a machine, but there is no other machine that functions so effectively and efficiently. The seemingly simple act of processing food requires enormous coordination of systems within. When something goes wrong, the body sends out signals to warn us.

Two common signs of a digestive system in trouble are diarrhea and constipation. Others include stomach pains, painful swallowing, heartburn, nausea, cramping, unexplained weight loss, discoloration of tissue or the presence of blood in the stool. Usually, symptoms go away by themselves, but sometimes they signal a more serious problem than simply having eaten the "wrong thing."

Gastroenterologist Dr. Frank Pisciotta says, "For some 20 million Americans, minor digestive upsets are a daily problem. And according to the National Institutes of Health figures, another 20 million are chronically ill with serious gastrointestinal disorders. Symptoms are the digestive tract's way of telling us how it's functioning. Heartburn, for instance, is a pain or burning sensation that usually begins behind the breast bone and works its way up into the chest. Almost everyone suffers from occasional bouts, and changing eating habits can help dramatically. However, if within a week's time self-care measures don't help, it's time to seek medical advice. The acids caused by heartburn can actually erode the esophagus and cause painful ulcers. Your doctor can likely prescribe something to prevent it."



"Common sense is the key," he continues. "An occasional stomach ache is probably normal. Modifying your eating habits might help, or getting more rest may be the solution. If the symptoms persist, it's a good idea to check it out with a physician. Many patients wait too long for the symptoms to disappear on their own. By the time they seek medical advice, the problem has advanced to a more complicated stage. An example which costs thousands of people their lives every year is that of attributing blood in the stool to hemorrhoids. Repeated irregularities in the bowel may be a message that something is seriously amiss."

Most digestive diseases are highly treatable in their early stages, including malignancies. Early tumors can usually be effectively removed with little or no discomfort by a simple outpatient procedure called endoscopy. Dr. Pisciotta, who also treats patients with weight control problems, has offices that include on-site lab, X-ray, and endoscope facilities, so there is no undue disruption of the patient's daily routine. Should there be a need, he has hospital privileges at many of the areas finest facilities.

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Dr. Pisciotta, who is a graduate of the Universities of Maryland and Texas Medical School and trained at institutes including Hahnemann Medical Center and Hospital in Philadelphia; M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston; St. Mary's Hospital at the University of Rochester in New York and Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C., prescribes preventive measures. "Eat slowly," he advises, "and as your mother always told you, chew your food well. Have plenty of high-fiber foods in your diet, drink alcohol only in moderation, don't smoke cigarettes, and be aware of any changes in bowel habits. If you have doubts concerning the seriousness of a condition, see a doctor. Ignoring symptoms for long periods of time can wind up to be very costly in terms of your health. When your body talks, listen."

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by Dorrie Bates 345-5961

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And Carol Chu, 7 Court Ridge, took second place with *Our Very Own Gwandamazu*, a book she wrote with Shannon Easton and Asia Queen. This tells the story of a furry creature who disappears, then reappears in a surprising fashion. Awards were presented at a ceremony on October 10 at ERHS. Well done, ladies!

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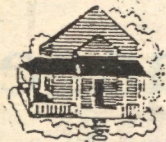
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